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NIGHT MEETING WITH SWAPO JULY 11

THE REPORT BELOW FROM LUANDA HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US BY
THE FRENCH. (FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS ALSO
PASSED THE REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT.)

FOLLOWING IS AGREED REPORT OF CONTACT GROUP ON LATE
NIGHT MEETING WITH SWAPO 11 JULY.
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1 - SWAPO PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE
CONTACT GROUP'S REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION (SEPTTEL):

A) OPERATIVE PARA 1 DELETE "THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF".

B) OPERATIVE PARA 2 END OF SENTENCE TO READ "... TO

ENSURE EARLY REINTEGRATION OF WALVIS BAY INTO NAMIBIA".

C) OPERATIVE PARA 3 DELETE "WALVIS BAY SHOULD NOT BE USED". SUBSTITUTE "SOUTH AFRICA MUST NOT USE WALVIS BAY".

D) OPERATIVE PARA 4 TO READ "DECIDES TO REMAIN SEIZED OF THE MATTER UNTIL WALVIS BAY IS FULLY REINTEGRATED INTO NAMIBIA".

2 - WE PROMISED TO COMMUNICATE THESE AMENDMENTS TO OUR CAPITALS IN THE HOPE OF OBTAINING ANSWER EARLY TOMORROW MORNING (JULY 12).

3 - WE THEN RAISED AGAIN THE QUESTION OF LOCATION OF TROOPS EMPHASISING THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE HAD MOVED SOUTH AFRICA FROM ITS ORIGINAL POSITION. IN VIEW OF OUR ESTIMATE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT MOVE FROM THE EXISTING PROPOSAL WE HAD PROPOSED AN INCREASE IN THE UN FORCE TO MEET INCREASED SWAPO APPREHENSIONS AFTER THE KASSINGA RAID. AS REGARDS WALVIS BAY WE WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY INCREASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES IN WALVIS BAY.

4 - WE ALSO REJECTED A SUGGESTION BY NUJOMA THAT SWAPO'S INTERPRETATION OF THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL
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REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD BE WRITTEN INTO AGREEMENT, ALTHOUGH SWAPO WOULD BE FREE TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS OWN INTERPRETATION OF OUR PROPOSAL (AS SOUTH AFRICA HAD DONE). SWAPO ACCEPTED "PROVIDED YOU UNDERSTAND OUR UNDERSTANDING".

5 - ON THE RESIDUAL FORCE, NUJOMA EXPRESSED A "PREFERENCE" FOR CONCENTRATION IN ONE BASE. WE ESTABLISHED THAT THIS WAS NOT A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE BUT A REQUEST TO US TO USE OUR INFLUENCE TO THIS EFFECT.

6 - COMMENT. WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF LOCATION OF THE RESIDUAL SOUTH AFRICAN FORCE WE APPEAR TO BE ON THE VERGE OF A SOLUTION. CLEARLY FRONT LINE PRESSURE HAS BEEN DECISIVE IN SECURING SWAPO AGREEMENT ON TROOP LOCATION AND ALSO IN LIMITING TO A MINIMUM SWAPO AMENDMENTS TO OUR LATEST DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY. THE RESOLUTION AS NOW AMENDED BY SWAPO IS FAR FROM SATISFACTORY AND IS LIKELY TO AROUSE STRONG PROTEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA. ON THE OTHER HAND THE SUBSTANCE DOES NOT SEEM TO US VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE DRAFT WE STARTED WITH HERE

IN LUANDA DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY DELETED THE
WORDS "INDEPENDENT" AND "AGREEMENT".
WHILE THE METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION IS LEFT UNCLEAR,
WE COULD EXPLAIN OUR INTERPRETATION OF THE PROCESS
IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE WOULD NOT HAVE FRONT
LINE SUPPORT IN TRYING TO REVERT TO OUR ORIGINAL
DRAFT OR IN ATTEMPTING TO AMEND SUBSTANTIVELY THE

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SWAPO AMENDMENTS.

7 - TO SUM UP, A FINAL SETTLEMENT APPEARS TO BE
WITHIN OUR GRASP IF WE CAN SWALLOW THE ADMITTEDLY
IMPERFECT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY.

8 - WE HAVE TENTATIVELY ARRANGED TO MEET AGAIN AT
10H00 JULY 12 AND, WHILE RECOGNISING THE DIFFICULTIES,
WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A REPLY BY THEN.

9 - P.S. THE GROUP URGES THAT THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION
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ON WALVIS BAY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND SHOULD NOT
REPEAT NOT BE PASSED TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS AT THIS
STAGE.
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